

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q97365

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Group Art Unit: Unknown

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Examiner: Unknown

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For: METHOD OF SCREENING COMPOUND CAPABLE OF ACCELERATING OR INHIBITING  
APOPTOSIS, APOPTOSIS ACCELERATOR AND APOPTOSIS INHIBITOR

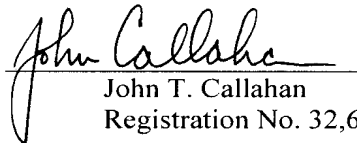
**SUBMISSION OF IPER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed herewith is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority. It is noted that the six references identified in the IPER were previously submitted to the U.S. PTO with an Information Disclosure Statement on September 26, 2006, and therefore not enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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